Composition of select Group on the Promotion of IT

69. SHRI VED PRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that to attract foreign investment in Information Technology and promote India as an IT Powerhouse, Government have constituted a select group of NRI's especially IT professionals hailing from Silicon Valley;

(b) if so, the details of composition, function jurisdiction, tenure be furnished; and

(c) what other steps are taken by Government in this regard and results achieved so far?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A Select Group with Overseas Indian has been constituted. The composition and role of the Group is given in the Stetement-I (*See* below)

(c) An Advisory Committee consisting of leading Indian IT industrialists has been constituted for the development of Indian IT industry and as enclosed in the Statement-II. The first meeting of this Committee was held recently on Februry 21, 2000.

Statement-I

Subject:— Composition of Select Group on the promotion on IT.

A Select Group with Overseas Indians comprising of the following has been set up in the Ministry of Information Technology:—

1.	Minister of Information Technology	Chairman
2.	Secretary, Ministry of Information Technology	Member

3.	Shri Kanwal Rekhi, President, TiE Group, USA	Member
4.	Shri Vinod Khosia, General Partner, KPCB, USA	Member
5.	Shri Suhas Patil, Chairman, Emeritus, Circus Logic	Member
6.	Shri K.B. Chandrasekhar, Chairman & CEO, Exodus Corp., USA	Member
7.	Shri Sabeer Bhatia, CEO, Arzoo' Com. USA	Member
8.	Shri Devendra Chaudhry, Director, MIT	Convenor

2. Group shall:—

* keep the Ministry of Information Technology abreast with the latest developments taking place in the world of Information Technology and also the market trends in this regard.
* advise in the formulation of policies in the area of Information Technology and strengthening of Telecommunication infrastructure vis-a-vis Information Technology policies and the specific targets laid by the Government.
* advise the Ministry of Information Technology with regard to facilitation of angel investment, venture creation and incubation facilities.
* advise in the matter of human resource development in the area of information technology with focus on IT education and IT-based education and promotion of knowledge-based enterprises.
* Assist in creation of pool of expertise and foster research & development activities in select areas.

3. The Select Group will also interact with each other on telephone, e-mail, internet and video conferencing and may co-opt any person as special invitee.

Statement-II

Members of Advisory Committee of Ministry of Information Technology for Development of IT Industries

1.	Minister of Information Technology	—	Chaiman
2.	Secretary, Ministry of Information Technology	—	Member
3.	Shri F.C. Kohli, Deputy Chairman, Tata Consultancy Services	—	Member
4.	Shri N.R. Narayana Murthy, Chairman & CEO, Infosys Tech. Ltd.	—	Member
5.	Shri Azim Premji, Chairman, Wipro Corporation	—	Member
6.	Shri Subhash Chandra, Chairman, Essel Group of Companies	—	Member
7.	Shri B. Ramalinga Raju, Chairman, Satyam Computers Services Ltd.	—	Member
8.	Shri R.S. Pawar, Chairman, NIIT Ltd.	—	Member
9.	Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar, CMD, BPL Telecom Business Group	—	Member
10.	Prof. V. Raju , Director, IIT, New Delhi	—	Member
11.	Shri Dewang Mehta, President, NASSCOM	—	Member
12.	Shri Satish Kapra, Chairman, Samtel India Ltd.	—	Member
13.	Shri G.P. Goenka, President, FICCI	—	Member

14. Shri Rahul Bajaj, President, Confederation of Indian Industry — Member

15. Shri L. Lakahaminarayanan, Joint Secretary, M/o Info. Tech. — Convenor

IT Centre in Meghalaya

70. SHRI ONWARD L. NONGTDU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have proposed to set up national level Infromation Technology Centre in Meghalaya;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefore; and

(d) what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) to (d) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government.

Promotion of Information Technology Industries

71. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Information Technology, Software Development and Data Processing are considered to be sun rise industries in the coming future;

(b) what is India's share in this segment of the world trade; and

(c) what are Government's plans to promote such industries further?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND